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SUBJECT: SOVIET SHORT WAVE RADIO INTERFERENCE

1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR RASMUSSEN OF ECONOMIC DEPT. OF FOREIGN MINISTRY ADVISES THAT, SINCE SOVIETS HAD FAILED TO RESPOND TO INFORMAL APPROACHES OF NORWAY'S TELEDIRECTORATE AND THE ITU REGARDING SHORT WAVE RADIO INTERFERENCE COMING FROM USSR, NORWAY, DENMARK, AND SWEDEN AGREED TO APPROACH SOVIETS FORMALLY THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. DANES AND SWEDES APPROACHED SOVIETS IN MOSCOW, NORWAY APPROACHED SOVIET EMBASSY IN OSLO. RASMUSSEN SAID HE TOLD SOVIET COUNSELOR TITOV THAT SOVIET TRANSMISSION WAS HAMPERING REGULAR NORWEGIAN COMMUNICATIONS UNDER ITU CONVENTION AND REQUESTED THAT THEY BE STOPPED. RASMUSSEN SAID SOVIET TRANSMISSIONS HAD CREATED PARTICULAR DIFFICULTIES FOR SHIPS, NORWEGIAN COMMUNICATIONS

WITH SVALBARD, AND DANISH COMMUNICATIONS WITH GREENLAND. TITOV SAID HE WOULD REPORT NORWEGIAN DEMARCHE TO MOSCOW.

2. RASMUSSEN ALSO SAID THAT IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS NORWEGIAN

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TELEDIRECTORATE HAD YESTERDAY WITH SOVIET CHAIRMAN GRONOFF IN

GENEVA OF ITU FREQUENCY COMMITTEE, GRANOFF HINTED THAT SIGNALS
MIGHT CEASE SOON.

3. NORWEGIANS USED CAREFULLY WORDED FORMULATION REPORTED PARA 1 WITH
TITOV AS GON HAS NOT HAD TIME TO LOOK INTO LEGALITY OF THE SOVIET
TRANSMISSIONS UNDER THE ITU. RASMUSSEN SAID PRELIMINARY NORWEGIAN
EXAMINATION OF SIGNALS INDICATED THEY MIGHT CONTAIN INFORMATION
AND THAT NORWEGIANS TELECOMMUNICATION AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN
SURPRISED BY THEIR POWER. SINGALS HAVE CONSIDERABLE PRESS ATTENTION
IN NORWAY.
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